



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

March 25, 2009

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

We offer a huge round of applause to all of the Lincoln staff and to the Winchester Police Department for their calm and orderly treatment of the emergency evacuation of Lincoln last Friday. The countless hours of preparing emergency plans and the high level of professionalism of both groups was evident in how smoothly all children were moved to McCall. Thank you for helping our children feel safe and cared for during a serious emergency. The arrival of longer days signals the start of whirlwind spring schedules. Please take note of the early release Thursday and the holiday on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the time of year the LSPA starts planning for the next school year. Please come by our volunteer Open House on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The range of time commitments for committees varies widely and there is a spot for anyone who has the desire to help. Please come or send any questions to Jenny Splaine or myself.

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Thurs, March 26<sup>th</sup>:** 11:30 Early Release  
Professional Development;

5<sup>th</sup> Graders Polar Project Wrap Up  
(11:45-1pm Lincoln Auditorium)

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mentor Night

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:** LSPA volunteer  
recruitment and monthly meeting  
(8:30am)

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:** No School – Good  
Friday holiday

**April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** No School – April  
Vacation



Another counting will be done soon so please bring in your Box Tops. Every last one helps!

**Lead Box Top collectors as of February 2009:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	C. Flaherty	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	931
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	A. Hunt	Kindergarten	728
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	M. Barford	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	671
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	J. Linehan	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	642

5 <sup>th</sup> Place	J. McElaney	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	513
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	T. Wallace	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	504
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	E. Adams	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	501
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	T. Fitch	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	421
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	C. Wolfe	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	420

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

It's a Winchester tradition for all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choruses from Winchester to come together for an evening of choral singing at Winchester High School Auditorium. This annual Spring Sing Fling is a wonderful opportunity for the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to hear and be heard. This year's concert will feature High School Octets and Chamber Singers who will sing a combined number with the elementary choruses. The concert will take place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 pm. Students should arrive at WHS Auditorium at 7:10 pm for warm-ups and a quick rehearsal. The concert is free and open to families and friends of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. The length of the concert is approximately one hour.

### JOIN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ECO-THON!

**WHAT:** A way to save energy in the community while helping to raise money for endangered polar bears.

**WHEN** February 23 to March 23

**WHO:** Lincoln School's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Growing Up and Reaching Out project is raising money for the Alaska Wilderness League to benefit endangered polar bears.

**HOW:** Use the attached checklist to track energy-saving changes your family makes at home. For every "eco-chore" your child completes, families contribute a small amount of money toward the 5<sup>th</sup> grade "Polar Project."

**WHERE:** All donations may be placed in the Eco-Thon box in the Lincoln lobby or given to your child's teacher. For further information, contact the Growing Up and Reaching Out co-chairs, Katherine Waters-Clark at [waterswriting@comcast.net](mailto:waterswriting@comcast.net) or Jamie Spencer at [jamiespen@comcast.net](mailto:jamiespen@comcast.net).

### SPRING ACAPELLA FEST!

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Winchester Town Hall, featuring the WHS Octets, Chamber Singers, and guest

collegiate ensembles the Harvard Veritones (with Octets alum Josh Feblowitz), the MIT Logarithms. and the Skidmore Dynamics (with Octet Alum Alex Greaves). Tickets may be purchased in advance at Book Ends or at the door on the evening of the performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for Senior citizens and children and \$30 for families.

### PARTY FOR THE ARTS!

Please join the Winchester Friends of Art on March 28, 2009 for the annual PARTY FOR THE ARTS! The party celebrates and supports the visual arts program in the Winchester Public Schools, grades K-12, and all proceeds benefit the art programs in our schools. The party will be at the Sanborn House, 15 High Street Winchester, from 8:00-11:00 (21+) and the FREE STUDENT RECEPTION is from 2-4pm. Everyone is invited to admire the art work on display. Tickets for the evening party, \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, are available at Book Ends, or contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com).

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE

#### THEATER PRESENTS CINDERELLA!

Come relive the enchantment of the Cinderella story with Winchester Co-op Theatre. This classic fairytale comes to life with singing, dancing and a good dose of humor from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade actors. From the cruelest stepsister to the kindest mice, these young actors will inspire you with a story of hope as Cinderella combats the drudgery in her life with the happiness in her heart.

Tuesday, March 24 @ 4:00 p.m. benefit show (Friends of WHS Band)

Friday March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 28 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

McCall Middle School; Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each); recommended for ages 3 and up. You may also purchase tickets directly from the actors in Cinderella who attend Lincoln! Feel free to contact the parents of any of the following children to buy tickets: Alexis Costales,

Amanda Frate, Hope Johnson, Spencer Leuba, Lexie Masiello, Sarah McDonough, Elizabeth Murray, Carolyn Pine, and Brendan Pulsifer.

## STAND FOR CHILDREN CALL TO ACTION!

### Help us send 1,000 post cards to the State House to support Massachusetts Schools!

Can't make Stand for Children's March 24<sup>th</sup> rally? Then send along a post card! This year, our goal is to collect 1,000 postcards with personal statements about how tight times are affecting Winchester schools. These cards will be added to thousands from around the state and delivered to legislators in a united show of concern for Massachusetts public education in these difficult times. Help make Winchester's voice be heard! Please take a minute now to click on this link to fill out the form that will create your postcard to Sen. Pat Jehlen and/or Rep. Jason Lewis: [www.stand.org/postcard](http://www.stand.org/postcard).

Of course, we'd love to have you along! To attend this year's Rally Day on March 24 when we bring bags of cards to legislators, RSVP to Jeanette Kolodziej at [jkolodziej@comcast.net](mailto:jkolodziej@comcast.net). The bus for the indoor rally at the State House will leave Winchester at 9am and return by 12:30. For more information on Rally Day and this year's Legislative agenda, visit [www.stand.org/ma](http://www.stand.org/ma).

## STAND FOR CHILDREN

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Stand for Children Education Funding Forum began with a description of a vision for quality 21<sup>st</sup> century education and included a presentation of Winchester's school budget request and school building plans. Each speaker issued a call to action to join Stand for Children's Lobby Day on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the State House (see above for more info).

The key local challenge addressed by speakers was keeping up with Winchester's persistent rapid enrollment growth. While state funding increases for Education Aid have helped significantly in recent years, the increased aid has not been enough to keep up with the rise in the number of students in our schools. This year, Stand for Children's legislative agenda will help by defending state funding for schools, encourage policies that will help save districts money, and seek innovation and long-term funding.

For those who missed the event, summaries and slide presentations are posted on the Stand for Children website: [www.stand.org/ma](http://www.stand.org/ma) by clicking on the Winchester Chapter link.

## SYBS SOFTBALL CLINIC

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Winchester High School Field House. WHS Softball invites you to participate in a softball clinic for youth players focusing on defensive fundamentals, hitting mechanics, and pitching. This one-day clinic is a fund raiser for the high school program. Hours - 3:15-3:30 Player Check-in and Warm-up; 3:30-5:30 Hitting & Defensive Fundamentals; 5:30-6:30 Pitching. Cost: Hitting & Defense session - \$30.00; Hitting, Defense, and Pitching sessions - \$45.00. See the attached form for more information; register by March 25th. Questions, contact Winchester Softball at [winchestersoftball@gmail.com](mailto:winchestersoftball@gmail.com) or call 781-721-1636.

## NOYE'S FLUDDE

Everyone is invited to this family-friendly community opera on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Presented by Parish of the Epiphany, this production of Benjamin Britten's work features Mark Andrew Cleveland, nationally known bass-baritone, in the part of Noah, mezzo-soprano Francesca Weir as Mrs. Noah, and bass Christopher Berns. Winchester students (from Lincoln and other schools) and adults round out the cast, including an ark full of singing animals. The opera is about one hour in length and children are welcome. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Book Ends and in the parish office at 70 Church Street. Seats are limited so don't delay! For more information call 781-729-1922.

## SANDLOT SOCCER IS STARTING April 11!! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD YET?

Sandlot Soccer is the Winchester Soccer Club's program for boys and girls in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ([learn more](#)). If you would like your child to play this spring, please register as soon as possible so the teams can be organized before the season starts. The Sandlot Age Group Coordinators will thank you! Register: <http://wsc.westhost.com/reg.htm>.

## PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library is offering a series of four books group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. Our final group discussion of the year will be on April 30, when we will be talking about the profound parenting issues raised in Jodi Picoult's novel about a school shooting, *Nineteen Minutes*. For more information, contact [parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org).

## LOOKING FOR FUN DURING THE SUMMER WEEKS? WHY NOT HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING?

Winchester Public Schools will be offering a **Summer Enrichment Program**. Enrichment courses range from animals and nature to MCAS prep and pod-casting. Courses are offered to all Winchester students and will be taught by Winchester Public School's teachers! For details on courses and registration information, visit our website at: [www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) & click on "Summer Enrichment Program."

## WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?

### What happens when making art and motherhood collide?

From the producing team that won an Academy Award for *Born Into Brothels* comes *Who Does She Think She Is?*, a film that examines some of the most pressing balancing-act issues of our time: parenting and work, partnering and independence, economics and art. The film will be shown on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Next Door Theater, 40 Cross St. in Winchester. Please see the attachment for more details.

## A TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The Griffin Museum's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "A Taste of Winchester" Fundraiser will be held Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography, 67 Shore Road, Winchester. Tickets include all you can eat "tasting," as well as sampling of specially selected wine and beer served by The Spirited Gourmet. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at the Griffin Museum or at Book Ends. Space is limited, so get your tickets now! For more information, please call the Griffin Museum at 781-729-1158.

## LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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